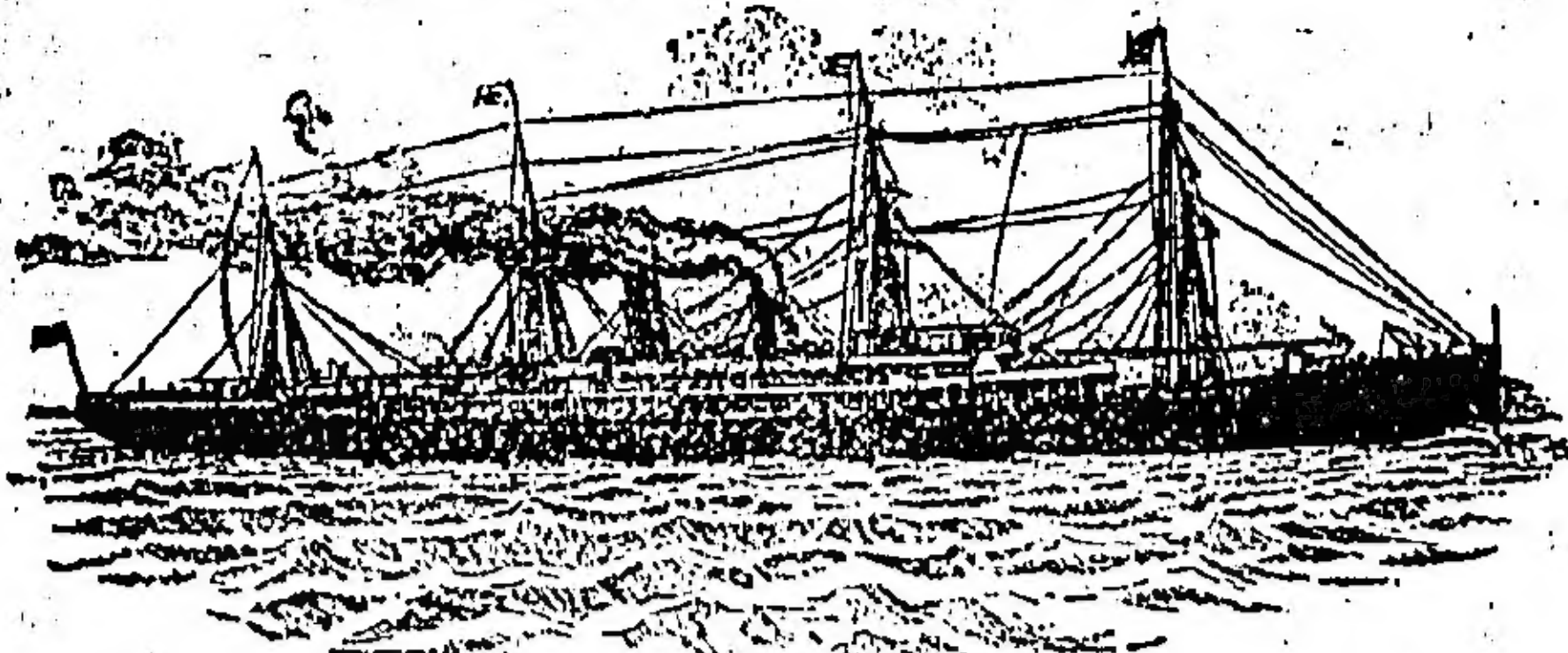


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"KOREA"	TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.
"GABRIEL"	TUESDAY, 20th October, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.
"CHINA"	FRIDAY, 6th November, at Noon.
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Hongkong, 10th September, 1903.

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"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPIRE OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"EMPIRE OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th January.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPIRE OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight and Passengers.
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	13th Sept.	Freight and Passengers.
Mayer	(Calling at SPOR, PENANG & COLOMBO).		
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd Sept.	Freight.
von Dohren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
ABESSINIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	6th October.	Freight.
Filler	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
BRISGAVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	20th October.	Freight.
Schulke	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SAKONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	3rd Nov.	Freight.
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Hongkong, 9th September, 1903.

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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. } Sunday excepted.

Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. }

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,219 tons	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

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S.S. "NANNING"	569 tons	Captain R. D. Thomas.
"SAINAM"	338 "	B. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

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Length inside, 514 ft. Width of
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Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
entrance, top 80.5 ft.; bottom 45
ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of
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ing and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work,
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Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of
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Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 376.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 17th, 1903.

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KOWLOON HOTEL,
FRANK F. JEWELL, KOWLOON. J. W. OSBORNE,
Manager. Proprietor.HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-
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OF HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO.,
LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the
SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be pro-
posed, viz:—

1. "That the Capital of the Company
"be increased from \$100,000 (divided
"into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to
"\$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares
"of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000
"new shares of \$10 each to be offered and
"if accepted to be allotted to the present
"shareholders of the Company at par in
"the ratio and proportion of one new
"share for every two old shares in the
"Company held by the respective share-
"holders thereof, the amount payable on
"each of such new shares respectively to
"be paid at such time or times and in such
"manner as the Company by its General
"Managers may hereafter determine."

2. "That Article No. 32 of the Articles
"of Association of the Company be can-
"celled and the following Article sub-
"stituted therefor:—
"The remuneration of the General
"Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum
"(which shall cover office rent but
"not salaries of Secretary and other
"employees) and a commission of 5
"per cent. of the net profits of the
"Company for each year that such
"profits amount to 7 per cent. of the
"Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed
they will be submitted for confirmation, as
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING which will be subsequently convened.
Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

911e

NOTICE.

ON and after the 9th September, the S.S.
"WING CHAI" will berth at the New
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1903. 1092e

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. 1093e

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. 1094e

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 26th Septem-
ber, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, together with
a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 26th
September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1903. 1104e

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

AQUATIC SPORTS 1903.

THE ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS will
be held on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 19th
instant, in the CLUB ENCLOSURE, Austin
Road, Kowloon.

Sports commence 15th and 16th at 4.30 P.M.
and on the 17th and 19th instant at 4 P.M. sharp.

Admission for Gentlemen 50 cents each day,
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform half price.

Tickets for Admission may be obtained from
the Steward, V.R.C., on the Day of the Sports.

FRANK W. WHITE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th September, 1903. 1094e

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

AQUATIC SPORTS 1903.

THE COMMITTEE of the Victoria Re-
creation Club request the pleasure of
the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong at
the Club Enclosure, Austin Road, Kowloon,
on THURSDAY, 17th, and SATURDAY, 19th
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Hongkong, 29th August, 1903. [728d]

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TELEGRAMS: "ARMICHAEL," HONGKONG.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
Code.
Sieber's Standard Code.Telephone, 432.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [1559]THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 1903.

THE REPORTED SEIZURE OF
BRITISH ISLANDS.

We learn from a Reuter's telegram, that correspondence is proceeding between Washington and London regarding the seizure by an American warship of the seven small islands off the north-east coast of British North Borneo. It was first reported early in July that Commander Baughton, of the United States gunboat *Quinn*, had made the seizure, and at a later date we ascertained that the names of the islands were Baguan, Taganan, Hakkunguan, Lihiman, Boaan, Sibuang, and Mankayan. They are all within a few miles of each other, and are spread over an area of forty miles, the two largest Taganan and Boaan, being about a mile in length, and commanding the entrance to Sandakan Harbour. The islands are inhabited and were originally the haunts of pirates. From the remarks of Mr. Richard B. Martin, M.P., who presided at the forty-first half-yearly meeting of the British North Borneo Company, on 21st July last, it would seem they assert unhesitatingly that these islands are within their territory and although they do not appear to be of any value in point of revenue as the company receive only a few hundred dollars a year from them, yet it is felt that in other hands they might be a source of annoyance as being depots for smugglers. Replying to a question by Mr. Hildyard, whether he had any remarks to make upon the report that some of their islands had been annexed by the United States, or, at any rate, had placed their flag upon some of the company's property, the chairman pointed out that it was three weeks or a month since they first heard of the matter and the attention of the Foreign Office was called to it. Under a commission from the Sultan of Sulu, the company have been actually in occupation of the islands for about 25 years, and so far as they are aware, they are not included in any of the treaties made between the Sultan and Spain, or the Netherlands and Spain, or the United States and Spain. Mr. W. C. Cowie, the managing director of the company, remarked that they did not look upon the action of the Americans as an act of aggression, but in the light of misunderstanding or a geographical error, as the Americans had recently been collecting all the islands which they thought belonged to them. It is understood that the United States Government bases its right of possession on the treaty of 1885 between Great Britain, Germany and Spain when the latter power was given all the islands outside of the one league limit, and through the late war, they passed to the United States. But these few islands have never been mentioned in any treaty. They were, indeed, as Mr. Cowie stated, derelict islands, in so far as documentary evidence was concerned, but they were taken over by the former British North Borneo Provisional Association, and by them handed to the present Chartered Company.

It seems to be the general belief in well-informed quarters that the matter will be easily adjusted, but the explanation emanating from Washington that the commanding officer of the Philippines had probably taken over islands belonging to the Cagayan and Sibutu groups in the Sulu Sea is a curious one, as Cagayan is at least 50 miles from the nearest of the islands in question, while Sibutu is even further off. Moreover, Cagayan and Sibutu, both of which were acquired by the United States after the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, were formally occupied some time ago. According to the geographical dictionary of the Philippine Islands, prepared by the Bureau of Insular Affairs in September of last year, there are few islands off the Pacific shores of Cagayan, while, with regard to the island of Sibutu, forming one of the Tawi Tawi group, it is interesting to note that in the arrangement of boundaries during the Paris negotiations, the extreme South West angle having been placed at lat. 4° 45' N. long. 119° 35' E., it was subsequently discovered that the island part of the Philippine possessions of Spain, ceded to the United States, was not included within limit, and in consequence of the omission a convention supplementary to the treaty of peace and cession with Spain was proclaimed in 1901 granting to Spain a gratuity of \$100,000 in consideration of the correction of the oversight.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

INWARD parcels by a.s. *Sinla* are now ready for delivery.

A FATAL Chinese case of plague is notified from the Italian Convent, Caine Road.

THE Siam Electric Company paid a dividend of 1% and carried forward a balance of Ticals 66,649.02.

THE T. K. K. s.s. *America* arrived at Yokohama on 10th inst., three days ahead of schedule time.

WE have received from the Colonial Secretary's office a copy of appendices A to F to Professor Simpson's report on plague in Hongkong.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

THE Japanese Consul, Mr. Masaichi Noma, has reported his return from leave of absence and resumed charge of the Japanese Consulate on the 3rd inst.

SANITARY measures are still adopted against Hongkong at Manila, Netherlands, India, Singapore, Rangoon, Shanghai, Siam, Indo-China, Labuan and Brills, North Borneo.

THE steam yacht *Alexandra* has been put up for sale by public auction at the Royal Naval Department, Bangkok, the vessel being bought by Messrs. Jordan and Co. for Tcs. 2,000.

THE inspection station at Bangkok is now again in the river opposite the Custom House at Paknam, and all vessels from Hongkong or any China port will be inspected there.

THE name of Mr. Wilberforce Page Lambert has been added to the list of authorized architects prepared under section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903.

A GENTLEMAN, well known in commercial circles at Penang, informs the *Malay Mail* that an opinion is fairly prevalent there that dollar will be fixed at 25. 8d., i.e., the equivalent of two rupees.

Fresh Kodak film, plenty of them, at LeMunyon's, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

DURING the month ended 31st July last 480 deaths were registered in the Colony, 22 being among the European and foreign community. Fevers were responsible for 100 deaths and chest affections for 67.

FROM an extract of meteorological observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during July we learn that 14.970 inches of rain fell during the month, there being only ten days when none was recorded.

WE understand that the Pollard Comedy Company intend leaving Shanghai by the French Mail steamer *Tonkin* on Friday next for Hongkong, where they will probably play for a week prior to going to Singapore, Burma and India.

NOTIFICATIONS, which have already appeared in our columns, regarding the appointment of H.E. Sir H. A. Blake to the Governorship of Ceylon and Major Sir Matthew Nathan to be his successor in Hongkong, are printed in the *Gazette*.

THE b'g freighter *Zyrs* of the Northern Pacific Line, now in Manila, is discharging among her cargo ten 6-inch modern coast-defence guns. They are being landed at the Arsenal dock. They will be utilized for defensive purposes on Corregidor Island.

Mail your films and Kodak orders to LeMunyon, P. O. B. 368.—*Adv.*

A CASE of cholera on board the British steamer *Omha*, recently discharging coal in Manila, caused the yellow flag to be displayed from her mast on 7th inst. A sailor, a white man, became suddenly afflicted with the dread disease and died. Hence the saffron banner.

CHAN HOI, an unemployed seaman, with no fixed abode appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's court this morning, for burglariously breaking into a dwelling house, No. 342, Des Vaux Road, West, last night, with intent to commit a felony. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

WHILE the captain of the Leith steamer *Banader* was passing through the Mediterranean on his way to China he threw overboard a bundle of 20 old letters. They have turned up again, somewhat after the fashion of Jonah. Some fishermen noticing a particularly fat fish amongst their catch opened it, and found a bundle of letters. They took them to the mayor of Aguilas, a Spanish fishing town, who delivered them to the British Consul. On examination only one letter was found to be decipherable, and this was forwarded to the writer, Capt. Potter, the superintendent in London, as he thought the peculiar circumstances of its recovery might interest him.

Framing, fancy and artistically done by LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

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Do your own developing without a dark room by using an Eastman developing machine. LeMunyon.—*Adv.*

WITH reference to the paragraph in our issue last evening we learn that the newly-built river-punboat *Tingtau* which has finished its trial trips off Daning and which comes out to Hongkong on board one of the Lloyd steamers, will be put together again in this port in December. Then, the commander and his crew of 50 men will take the *Tingtau* to the Yangtze.

AT St. Louis World's Fair, there will be exhibited by Mr. C. A. Butt a rare and unique specimen of a pearl cluster from Shark's Bay, West Australia. This recent valuable natural specimen consists of about 150 pearls in a solid cluster, and measures 1 1/2 in. in length by 1 in. in breadth, and is about half an inch in thickness, and is undoubtedly the most famous pearl discovery existing. The cluster known as the Southern Cross found some years ago at the Lapepde Islands, changed hands a short time ago for £10,000. Experts, in estimating the value of the cluster owned by Mr. C. A. Butt, taking the Southern Cross as a criterion, value this cluster from £15,000 to £20,000. The only other known cluster of value is in the possession of the British Government. This exhibit from the Commonwealth Pearl Fisheries will, no doubt, be a centre of attraction for many visitors.

THE hearing of the case in which Chan Ah Tong, contractor of the Hongkong Electric Tramway Company, was charged yesterday with leaving a quantity of earth on the public street along Shaw-ki-wan road without a guard, light or fence, causing a common danger to the public, thereby obstructing and incommoding the traffic and damaging Dr. Gibson's residence, was continued before Mr. Sercombe Smith this morning.

Mr. W. C. Gold, overseer of the Waterworks, stated that the fire hydrants had to be altered near Bay View Hotel owing to the rails of the new tram. This was carried out under his charge, and when he visited the spot on the 26th of August there was a trench made, and the water main exposed. The work was finished by Sunday, 6th September, and he did not know what became of the earth that was excavated.—Mr. Ernest Graham, engineer in charge of the Tramway Company, deposed that workmen opened the ground on the 14th August, and a few days later removed the fire hydrant, but did not excavate below the cover of the hydrant. On the 19th ult. two Chinese who, he believed, were in the employ of the Public Works Department, came to him and he showed them the hydrant. He left them and on returning found the ground excavated. The excavation was filled in by the Works Department. He excavated from the south side of the road, and the earth that was excavated from the hydrant could not have taken up the space as stated. The police officer in charge of the case stated that when he went down yesterday to see the earth, it was mysteriously removed. Chan Ah Tong and the P.W.D. denied having removed it. His Worship decided to visit the spot, and the case was remanded until Thursday, 17th inst.

MUSIC ON THE NEW PARADE GROUND.

The band performances on the New Parade Ground each week continue to be enjoyed by a large number of people. Next Monday a special programme will be performed when, by kind permission of the officers commanding the combined bands, pipes, bugles, fifes and drums of the Garrison will play the many popular selections, under the conductorship of Mr. E. J. Bradley, bandmaster of the Sherwood Foresters. As usual the performance will take place on the New Parade Ground commencing at 4.30 p.m. The following is the programme:

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March—The Washington Post. (Combined Bands).
March—John J. MacKenzie's Highlanders. (Pipers H. K. S. B. R. G. A. and 33rd Burma Inf.)
Selection—A Country Girl. (Combined Bands).
March—Eloisefontein. (Combined Bands).
March—(Combined Bugles and Drums).
Intermission—Cavalierin Rusticana. (Macanese).
March—A Souvenir. (Combined Bands).
March—The Hundred Pipers. (Pipers and Drums, 1st Sherwood For. and 14th Bombay Inf.)
Selection—Plantation Song. (Bands 1st Sherwood For. and 33rd Burma Inf.)
March—The Cock of the North. (Pipers H. K. S. B. R. G. A. and 33rd Burma Inf.)
March—The Turkish Patrol. (Combined Bands).
God save the King.

WANG CHIH-CHUN

There are fresh rumours since our last concerning the recent arrest of a Governor Wang Chih-chun of Kwangsi which seem to point to the fact that he is not to be handed over to the Board of Punishments, after all. This is said to be due, of course, to the strenuous exertions of that powerful body, the Hunanese Party, which, firm to their constant policy, have come forward in a decided manner to speak on behalf of their fellow provincial, the ex-Governor. The Empress Dowager, although still hesitating whether to accede to the request amounting to a demand of the principal Hunanese officials in the capital and in the provinces, has, however, given consent to leave the matter an open question, as it were, that is to say, Wang Chih-chun will for the once be permitted to return to his native province of Hunan with the word "guilt" still branded on his brow, and he is to remain in his native city under the close surveillance of the local authorities of his place until such time as the Empress Dowager considers it prudent to deal with him otherwise, or some way is found out whereby the guilty ex-Governor may have his sins white-washed and be freed from surveillance. N. C. D. News.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday next, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Financial Minutes (Nos. 36 to 49).
2. Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8).

QUESTIONS.

The Hon. H. E. Pollock pursuant to notice will ask the Colonial Secretary—
1. Is it the fact that the warrant for the arrest of Inspector R. G. McEwen for the purpose of his being tried for bribery was issued upon the sworn information of the Assistant Registrar General, Mr. Clement?

2. Is it the fact that Inspector R. G. McEwen's application to the Government, through his solicitors, for the payment by the Government to him of his legal expenses in connection with his recent trial for bribery, has been refused? If so, for what reason was such application refused?

3. For what reason has Inspector R. G. McEwen been removed from his recent post as Inspector of Markets? Was he so removed in consequence of an intimation having been received by the Government, to the effect that, unless he was so removed, difficulties would be likely to occur in connection with the supply of poultry to the public from the Central Market?

4. In connection with the re-housing of the population, what inquiries have been made by the Government for the purpose of ascertaining how many vacant streets there are in—
(a) the City of Victoria;
(b) Kowloon?

Will the Government state the result of these inquiries and give an approximate estimate of the number of persons who could be housed on such vacant streets in—
(a) the City of Victoria;
(b) Kowloon?

5. In connection with the prevention of malarial fever, is it the fact that the Government has been training nullahs in the neighbourhood of Macdonnell Road, below the Bowen Road level only? If so, for what reason have nullahs not been trained right down the northern face of the hill from top to bottom?

To the Honourable the Director of Public Works—
1. What steps have been taken to provide means for flushing the low-level sewers with great vigour as recommended by Mr. Chadwick at page 23 of his report of the 10th April, 1902?

2. Has the plan of the drains which is referred to at page 32 of the said report been completed yet, and, if not, why not?

3. What steps have been taken to carry out recommendations (a), (b), (c) and (d), contained on page 32 of the said report?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million two hundred and thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1904.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to set apart a holiday to be known as "Victoria Day" in loving remembrance of Her Most Gracious Majesty the late Queen Victoria.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Regulation of the Export of Cattle and other Live Stock from the Colony.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal The Waterworks Consolidation Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for and regulate the Supply of Water in the Colony of Hongkong and for the Maintenance and Repair of the Works in connection therewith.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.
N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

THE RAINDROP

What hangs upon my window here
So pure and still, so round and clear
Can hardened woodwork shed a tear?

A raindrop!

What wakes the "gossamer" in the night,
His brow in sweat, his heart in fright,
What is the cause so very slight?

The raindrop!

What seeks and finds the unseen hole
In roof or hat in tosh or sole
What gives to rich or poor their dole?

The raindrop!

What sounds the tiny thunder clap?
What floods the floor with one big slap?
What drops itself into the gap?

The raindrop!

What brings the coolie skelter in
In answer to the wailing din
With clout in hand and tray and tin?

The raindrop!

What makes the hostess yawn with fear
As that At-Home comes looming near
And nether a chance of weather clear?

The raindrop!

Why then such inconvenience cause—
Just stay a moment think and pause,
No longer break September's laws.

Dear raindrop!

It has been a long time since so many "rice boats" were discharging in Manila Harbour as are doing so just now, says the *Kalayaan*. Seven steamers from Saigon, averaging 3,000 sacks each, are unloading. They are the *Quang Nam*, *Christoph*, *Independant*, *Trilite*, *Yan*, and *Petrack*. A number of other steamers with rice at their exclusive cargo, also, now en route from Saigon. These cargoes are not for the Government, but are all consigned to commercial firms.

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THE CANTON HONGKONG ICE
AND COLD STORAGE
CO. LIMITED.

Several weeks since we notified the fact that a new ice company was being started in Hongkong with a capital of \$500,000 divided into 50,000 shares of \$10 each. We pointed out that according to the prospectus the object of the enterprise was the establishing of two factories for the manufacture of ice, one being in Hongkong and the other in Canton. It was claimed by the promoters that they could dispose of the entire output of both plants as fast as manufactured and if the output was only a half of the amount calculated they would have as profits available for dividend \$18,180, or about 30 per cent. on the capital, which was not including profit arising from cold storage warehouses, or the sale of pure water at Canton. That the promoters have had no difficulty in floating the Company, is evidenced by the fact that no attempt has been made by advertisement to call for public subscription to shares. Half the capital was subscribed amongst the promoters in the first instance, and every endeavour was made in order to avoid publicity of the scheme. The flotation of the undertaking is now an accomplished fact. We now learn that the capital of the company has been fully subscribed and that there are numerous inquiries for shares especially on the part of the native community. The company has been registered in Hongkong with its offices at the new building in course of completion for Messrs. Watkins and Co. in Queen's Road Central. It is also understood that modern American machinery, capable of manufacturing ice far more economically than any other at present in the Far East, has been ordered from the United States, and that the promoters are at present deciding upon a site for the Hongkong plant. We understand that they have the refusal of several plots of land, and may purchase a site at West Point, East Point or even at Kowloon where the Company will have a depot. So comprehensive is the plan of the new company, which is amply provided in funds, that they contemplate the erection of a separate plant for Macao as well. A prominent European at Canton is to be at the head of the undertaking, while a well-known Chinese in Hongkong will be vice-chairman.

THE NEW VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

SCALE OF FEES.

A notification has been published setting forth the scale of fees required to be paid by patients at the New Victoria Hospital for women and children, on and after the 1st November next. The daily rate for wives of civil officers whose salaries are under \$400 a year is 15 cents, while those whose salaries range from \$400 to \$720 a year will contribute 20 cents. From \$720 to \$950 it is 25 cents, from \$950 to \$1,200 it is 35 cents, from \$1,200 to \$2,000 (180 to 250) a year inclusive, as third class patient, \$1; from \$1,200 to \$1,500 (180 to 250) a year inclusive, as second class patient, \$2; from \$1,500 to \$2,000 (250 to 300) a year inclusive, as first class patient, \$3; over \$2,000 (300) a year as third class patient, \$2; over \$2,000 (300) a year as second class patient, \$3; over \$2,000 (300) a year as first class patient, \$5; less than \$20 per month free. Wives of sanitary inspectors who joined the sanitary department or the Police force prior to the 1st January, 1895, 70 cents; children, from three years to 12 years of age, inclusive, will be charged half price in each class, and children under three years of age, are to be admitted free.

Wives of European police who joined prior to 1st January, 1895, will be charged at the following daily rates—Inspector, 70 cents; constables, 50 cents; wives of Indian police, 35 cents; wives of Chinese police, 14 cents; children, from three years to 12 years of age, inclusive, half price on the same scale; and children under three years of age, admitted free.

Private patients in the 1st class, will pay \$8 a day; in the 2nd class, \$4; 3rd class, (European), \$2; 3rd class, (Asiatic or European diet), \$1.25; and 3rd class, (Asiatic not on European diet), \$0.50; children, from three years to 12 years of age inclusive, half price in each class, and children under three years of age, free. Wines, spirits and malt liquors consumed by paying patients will be charged extra, except brandy administered medicinally. A charge of \$10 will be made for all certificates in connection with fitness or unfitness of patients or others to perform their duty, for invaliding certificates, and certificates required by insurance companies, &c.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILED DUE

Indian (*Namang*) 14th inst.

German (*Bayern*) 14th inst.

German (*Seydlitz*) 14th inst.

Canadian (*Tartar*) 12th inst.

American (*Coptic*) 17th inst.

Australian (*Australian*) 23rd inst.

American (*America*) 23rd inst.

American (*Korea*) 21st prox.

The C. & M. Co.'s s.s. *Rubi* left Manila to-day at 12 p.m. and is due here on Monday at noon.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port yesterday and is expected to arrive here on 20th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Seydlitz* carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 18th ult., left Singapore to-day at 8 p.m. and may be expected here on 16th inst. at 4 p.m.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Beirut Affair.

LONDON, 10th September.
The Ambassadors have strongly remonstrated with the Porte against the extradition of Beirut, where the Wali of Damascus has now arrived with troops.

The Balkans.

The stories of massacres from Sofia are regarded with some incredulity.

Dissolution of the Cape Parliament.

The Cape Parliament is dissolved.

LATER.

The Emperor of Germany's Visit to Vienna.

Though it was originally decided that Count von Bülow should not accompany the Emperor William on his impending visit to Vienna, it is now announced that he will. The change is considered to be significant of the increasing gravity attributed to the situation in Turkey.

Great Britain and the United States.

Correspondence is proceeding between Washington and London regarding the seizure by American warships of islands in the vicinity of Sandakan and Darvel Bay, North Borneo.

(Manila Cablenews.)

British Army Reform.

London, September 7th.

The Duke of Connaught and Lord Kitchener of Khartoum have been appointed to make a thorough reform in the British Army. The changes will be made after a thorough examination by the distinguished appointees, both of whom have been associated with military affairs since their boyhoods. The reforms contemplated are sweeping, and it is said, will make it easier for a poor man to become an officer of the Army than now. The reforms look toward efficiency, economy and more mobility.

SPECIFICS FOR MOSQUITO BITES.

Can anything be done to save humanity from the minute, sly, insinuating mosquito? The tiny, winged, disturber of our peace is not only a natural irritant, but it is also according to some medical men, a positive danger to human life and is capable of inoculating people with the germs of malarial fever and yellow fever. Of recent years a perfect crusade has been carried on against the mosquito and his eggs, and the most famous of these was the famous "little buzzer" which was found possible to cover the face of stagnant pools of water with kerosene oil it seems to be undoubted that his powers of reproduction and multiplication have been checked to a great extent. But in towns and places where stagnant water does not exist in evident quantities the "little buzzer" has managed to put in an appearance and cause annoyance. To checkmate this, several devices have been suggested, such as fumigating rooms, burning a peculiar sort of pastilles at the bed head, or keeping certain plants blooming in the bedroom. As a matter of fact, the simplest and most effective guard, against the stings of the mosquito, is the old-fashioned mosquito curtain behind which we snap our fingers at the foe's taunts—and darts. Among other things that were to stump the mosquito and make it hang a diminished head, was a plant which was greatly boomed in England, seeds of it even being sent from Kew to Madras for cultivation in Southern India. But a gentleman has arisen to throw cold water on the plant and its efficacy, and when the English mail left home the papers were full of the discovery. One paper in writing about it thinks that the white inhabitants of countries infested by Anopheles will be greatly disappointed to learn that the protective specific so enthusiastically lauded by Captain Larymore has absolutely no value whatever. The plant in question, a variety of basil, rather attracts than banishes the little buzzing horror, affording it some degree of shelter, and the infused leaves are equally inefficacious as curative medicine. Sir William Threlkeld-Dyer, the learned Director of Kew Gardens, supplies this depressing information from authoritative sources; it is furnished in an official report made to the Governor of Sierra Leone by the Principal Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Prout. After thoroughly testing the supposed remedy by exhaustive experiments he could come to no other conclusion than the entire ineffectiveness of the plant as a banisher of mosquitoes. The nuisances were found to luxuriate in its close proximity, instead of being driven away by its odour, and in the case of the Anopheles, the poison communicated by its bite was not less virulent. On the other hand, as Dr. Prout pertinently remarks, much harm results from these alleged discoveries of easily-obtained specific. They divert attention from really effective methods of protection, such as the mosquito net, the punkah, and above all, the thorough draining of all stagnant pools in the vicinity of human habitations. Anglo-Indians know the sovereign efficacy of these remedial measures when systematically employed in repelling the Anopheles; that malarial pest must have stagnant water for the perpetration of its objectionable species. For our part we do not believe that any known scheme can be permanently effective and one cannot eternally be employed in casting kerosene oil into every conceivable spot where water near a house may collect. Besides, it is an expensive process and a great waste of an illuminant that is daily becoming more expensive. It is a curious fact that mosquitoes are selected in their choice of diet, and will not suck the blood of any human being or animal. Numbers of persons are never troubled by the insects and we have known in the Canadian bush, where they swarm, half a dozen persons, only bitten out of twenty members in a surveying party. Those attacked were delicately nurtured Englishmen fresh from the homeland. Those who escaped were hardy backwoodsmen and often accustomed to life in the Ontario bush.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, September 10th.

PIRATES AT WORK.

A large number of passage boats in tow of launches have been held up and robbed during the past few weeks. To-day a large passage boat was robbed of a sum of money and a quantity of clothing taken from the passengers.

THE CITY EXCITED.

We have been treated to several "scare" this year. It is not long ago that the officials called out the guards and displayed lantern upon the city wall. An attack was expected from the Wai Chau triads. To-day there has been unusual excitement among the officials. Officials of all rank have been buzzing about the Provincial Treasurer's office. Some of the city gates were shut at four o'clock this afternoon and all the important gates were shut tight before dark. I have been unable to learn why this has been done, but the officials do not shut the gates in this way unless they have heard rumours of trouble. It is reported that in one street not far from the Pun U magistrate's yamen a house had been repaired and the entrance decorated as a temple and the large characters gave the name of the particular gods to be worshipped. Upon examination it was found to be the head quarters of some secret society and the officials are now looking for the members of the society.

THE RECENT BOYCOTT.

Respectable Chinese have been again allowed on the French concession the notice having been withdrawn owing to native merchants refusing to go on to the Shamien with their goods. The British Consul, however, has taken no further action in the matter and the Chinese merchants have circulated a notice, a translation of which is as follows:—

"Owing to the Shamien municipality having issued a new regulation prohibiting Chinese from entering within certain limits of the concession, native merchants consider it incumbent upon them to refrain from going to Shamien, and advise European firms having business to transact to call at the Chinese houses for that purpose."

This notice was dated 9th instant, and was addressed to the principal European firms.

FUNERAL OF MR. QUONG TART.

The funeral of the late Mr. Quong Tart took place in the Church of England section of the Necropolis in Sydney, in the presence of a large attendance of all sections of the community, thus testifying to the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held. An immense concourse of people assembled in the immediate vicinity of the Necropolis, and the streets through which the cortege passed on its way to the local railway station were lined with spectators. The approaches to the station were also thronged with people, the male portion of whom reverently uncovered their heads as the coffin was being carried from the hearse to the special train, which conveyed the funeral party to Rookwood.

CROWN AGENTS SYSTEM.

A CANDID CRITICISM.

The Straits Times of 3rd instant deals editorially with this subject, which has recently been discussed in Hongkong. It says: Crown Agents are mysterious beings who live at home, and are popularly and primarily supposed to exist for their own benefit. As a matter of fact they are not definitely described in any popular work of reference—not even in the latest volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica—and all that the world at large knows about them is that they buy things for the Colonies and generally seem to do so at higher prices than similar goods can be obtained through other channels, and, generally also, without much regard to their fitness to the circumstances.

As an instance of this might be quoted the purchase of English cement for the Singapore railway when excellent Hongkong material might have served the purpose, and would have cost half the money. With the growth of democracy, and the delinquency of certain institutions that have long been held together solely by the cohesively conservative instincts of certain sections of the Anglo-Saxon race, the days of the Crown Agents seem to be gradually drawing to a close. Like the emine in the robes of our representative peers, and the broad arrow on the garments of our convicted pick-pockets, Crown Agents seem scarcely fitted to the requirements of the busy and competitive age that we now live in. That this fact is being recognised, even in this drowsy and old-fashioned world of the East, is well evidenced by the correspondence on the Crown Agents System, if we may call it so, which has been passing quite recently between the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Colombo respectively, and similar correspondence afloat which we have no official knowledge, but which we believe to be in progress between the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and other institutions.

Nobody will question the utility of Crown Agents as employment agencies, if—as suggested—they really procure useful Government servants for the Colonies of the Empire, and do so for nothing. As purchasing agents, however, they seem to be a positive and obvious hindrance in such highly developed dependencies of Britain as Ceylon, the Straits, Hongkong, Jamaica, and perhaps a score of other such places, that could be summarily expected from a putatively benevolent Government is that he be given the right to enter against home firms at any rate into open competition for every contract for labour or supplies given out by the Colony in which he happens to be resident. To deny him that right is to deny the development of that Colony, and it is not the policy of Britain to restrain the endeavours of its commercial pioneers on the outer marches of the Empire.

THE RUSSIAN DREAM.

AN EMPIRE IN THE EAST.

Never before have the aims of the Pan-Slavists been so clearly put forward as in a book which recently appeared at Moscow bearing the title *After Half a Century*.

This book is written by M. Scharapoff, a well-known leader of the Slavophil party, who attracted considerable attention to himself some time back by his extraordinarily vigorous and senseless attacks on the policy of M. de Witte. On every possible occasion this statesman was made the butt of M. Scharapoff's wit, both in the columns of the newspapers and in specially-printed pamphlets. Since no attempt was made to punish the author of these attacks or even to stop his further sallies, it is presumed that he was under the protection of the Minister of the Interior and M. Sipiaguin.

In course of time, however, the Minister of Finance received his opponent in special audience, in order to discuss with him the working of a new plough which he had invented. He took the opportunity of lecturing him on his wild attacks—a course of procedure which produced an apology in the columns of the *Novoye Vremya*.

RUSSIA IN 1953.

M. Scharapoff has now found time to publish a volume containing his collected writings, and also this romance, which embodies the ideas set forth in his newspaper articles. The romance itself is something after the style of Mr. H. G. Wells's "When the Sleeper Awakes." A Russian goes to sleep in the spring of the present year, and waking again in 1953 A.D. tells us what has happened to the nations in the space of time between now and then.

Naturally the chief object of the book is to prophesy the development of Russia, which, according to this author, in the year 1953 will extend from Berlin to Port Arthur, and from Trieste and Athens to the Arctic regions. Russia's new provinces will be East Prussia, Posen, Austria, Hungary, Roumania, the Balkan Peninsula, including the Adriatic coast and Greece; and in Asia, Persia, Afghanistan, and Manchuria.

This, of course, will not all happen at one fell swoop, but by such degrees as are set forth in the story. The Chinese will in a short time rise again as they did in the year 1900 against the foreigners. Russia will remain friendly to them, and Russian officers will lead the Chinese troops against the Germans and English, who will be driven by the Russo-Chinese combination out of the Celestial Empire. In return for this service the Chinese will cede Manchuria to the Russians.

THE ABASEMENT OF GERMANY.

But the trouble does not end here. The Russian colonel, whom they took prisoner whilst he was leading Chinese troops. For this the Russians demand compensation, and in default declare war on Germany. Fighting, however, does not follow, for the Austrian army, which has been requested to send 800,000 men to the support of her ally, mutinies and goes over wholesale to the Slavs.

Italy's help is out of the question. England has remained neutral in the European conflict, but has taken the opportunity, while Germany lay helpless, to appropriate the German colonies. An emu has broken out in Paris, and after the Government has suppressed this French army is sent to occupy Alsace-Lorraine. Germany, fenced around by foes, is forced to capitulate without striking a blow, and the treasured provinces east and west are handed over to her hated neighbours.

With Turkey things go even worse. Her crime has been to join the Triple Alliance. Therefore, she must be wiped out of Europe. This is, with the help of the Balkan States, satisfactorily accomplished, and Constantinople is made the fourth capital of the growing Russian Empire, ranking after St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Kiev. As a consequence of these many developments, the Hapsburg Monarchy, being unable to stand alone, requests to be allowed to enter the Russian fold on condition that autonomy in internal affairs be granted to it. The little Balkan States do the same. The Russian Government is, of course, only too delighted to obtain them so easily, and grants their requests.

A UNIVERSAL KINEFF.

Meanwhile, in the course of the short and bloodless war with Germany, the big London and Paris houses of Rothschild have converted the Russian debt and given her a gold loan, thus saving the State from bankruptcy. Their motive in doing this is to improve the condition of the Jews in Russia. But once again they reckon without their hosts, so to speak.

The Jews from Galicia, Posen, Roumania, &c., thinking that things will be better for them, flock into Russia and obtain all the best appointments in factories, banks, business houses, and even in the army, where a Jewish general is soon found out selling the plans of Russian fortifications to Germany. This state of affairs starts an anti-Semitic rising throughout the length and breadth of the land. At the same time the Government declares itself bankrupt, and since all the debts are in the hands of Jews, the result for them is appalling.

Having thus got rid of the Jews, more or less, Russia continues to develop her power. Her boundaries spread to the limits above defined. No other power dare oppose her. When all the other Slav nations have been enveloped she devotes herself to the settling of her many social and economic problems. How this is done we are not told. We do hear, however, that all the nations which are conquered and are not of the same faith as herself are compelled to join the Russian Church. Such are the dreams and fantasies of M. Scharapoff, a man who plays and has played an important part in the political life of Russia. Since he is a friend of the Minister of the Interior, it is regarded as probable, in Vienna, that the part of the book dealing with the anti-Semitic rising reflects the attitude of M. de Plehve. This is looked upon as one more proof of the much-declared complicity of the Government in the recent Kishineff massacres. But that, of course, is mere idle conjecture, and not serious argument. *Morning Advertiser.*

THE TYHOON.

PROBABLY PASSING SOUTH.

Although the black ball indicating a typhoon to the westward of the Colony within a 30 mile radius, was hoisted at 9.30 this morning, the barometer has since risen, and the depression to the southwest of Hongkong is believed to be moving towards Hainan Straits. The acting Director of the Observatory says that pressure remains high over North China, while strong NE. winds prevail in the Formosa Channel, and cyclonic strong winds and gales over the NW. part of the China Sea. It will thus be seen that shipping both to the north and south of the colony may be delayed; but it is gratifying to find Mr. Figg is able to predict a gradual decrease in the force of the wind. Those whose callings do not send them down to the sea in ships would be more interested to learn that a cessation of rain was forecasted.

TANJONG PAGAR DOCK CO.

The Directors report for presentation at the half-yearly general meeting at Singapore tomorrow is as follows:—

Your Directors beg to submit a statement of accounts, duly audited, for the half year ended 30th June, 1903.

The net amount for the half year available for distribution, including the sum of \$74,859.89 brought forward from last account, is \$244,962.20. Out of this amount the Directors recommend that the sum of \$150,000, be passed to General Reserve Fund, and that a dividend of 56 per share be paid for the half year, leaving a balance of \$154,962.20 to be carried forward to next account.

The total amount of the Debenture Issue is \$1,615,500.

Since last half-yearly meeting the following changes on the Board have taken place:— Messrs. C. Sugden and A. Von Rössing resigned, and Messrs. W. A. Cadell and Hans Becker elected.

JOHN ANDERSON, Chairman.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
General Charges, Stationery, Printing, Advertising and Administration Expenses	\$103,622.80
Quit Rents and Assessment	23,875.54
Interest on Debentures, Loans &c.	43,779.31
Fire Insurance	18,820.63
Director's Fees	6,000.00
London Committee's Fees	54,373.33
Contributory Payment (Clause 107)	37,000.00
General Reserve Fund	150,000.00
Balance	374,946.20
Earnings for the half year	\$35,829.72
Rents	21,907.18
	\$57,736.90

J. RUMNEY NICHOLSON,

Managing Director.

W. G. NIVEN, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, to-day, report:—The market is dragging along without any life in it, and as there is an inclination to sell against very few buying orders, most stocks are weak, and some of them show a decline against last week's quotations. The sterling Exchange of London for demand is 1s. 10 1/2d. and the Shanghai rate is 1s. 7 1/2d. for a T/T. and 1s. 7 3/4d. for three days' sight Private Paper.

Shipping Shares.—The pending disposition has further depressed Canton and Macao, which are on offer at \$33. Indo-China are slightly firmer, and buyers are probably prepared to pay \$83 as no shares seem to be offering. Shanghai is quoted 1s. 6 1/2d. China and Manila have further dropped to \$19 and \$14, sellers, respectively. Douglases have ruled very weak, and sales as low as \$34 are reported; at time of writing the market has firmed up somewhat, and buyers are willing to pay \$37. Star Ferries have shared in the general weakness, and are offering at \$26 1/2 and \$14 1/2 old and new scrip; Shell Transports are a little firmer, and after sales at \$1. 1s. 6d. and \$1. 2s. 6d., are steady at \$1. 2s. 6d.

Refiners.—China Sugars show a firmer tendency and shares could be placed at \$94.

Writing under yesterday's date, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:—There has been very little business done since the issue of our last report, but rates on the whole have ruled fairly steady.

The Douglas Steamship Company, Limited, has advertised its ordinary general meeting for the 26th September. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to 26th inst., both days inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiating during the week at \$630, and close with further buyers. The London quotation has risen to \$64. Nationals are steady at \$18.

Marine Insurances.—Unions are in some demand at \$500. China Traders are inquired for at \$50. Cantons have been booked, and are still obtainable at \$124.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are to be had at \$325. China Fires are in request at \$304 after sales at \$36.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have depreciated to \$33. Indo-China are firmer at \$83. Douglas Steamships have declined but can be placed at \$36. China and Manila are pro rata at \$19, and Star Ferries remain quiet at quotations. Shell Transports are quoted at \$1. 2s. 6d. Shanghai Tugs, after sales at 1s. 6d., are now in the market at 1s. 8d.

Refiners.—China Sugars have slightly hardened, and have inquiries at \$94. Luzons have weakened to \$10.

Points remain quiet at \$504. Hongkong Hotels have been placed at \$145 ex the dividend of \$6 paid on the 8th instant. Oriente Hotels keep firm at \$57. Astor House Hotels are wanted at \$28 ex the dividend of \$2 payable in Shanghai to-day. Humphreys Estates have buyers at \$10, and China Providents have again changed hands at \$9.

Cotton Mills.—We have heard of no business. Cigar Companies.—Sumatras have advanced to 1s. 4d.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements are unchanged at \$12. There are buyers of A. S. Watsons at \$14. Electric are quiet at \$124 (old) and \$7 (new). Langkats are reported old in Shanghai at the further advanced rate of 1s. 2d.

FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.—Good business is reported and about 551 bales changed hands @ \$25 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,900 bales.

Yarn.—Market during the fortnight ruled steady and sales of about 4,246 bales of "Spot" and about 3,800 bales of "To arrive" have been reported. The unsold stock is estimated at about 34,000 bales. Local Mill's yarn.—About 800 bales of Nos. 10s and 12s changed hands @ \$101 and \$103.50 per bale. Japanese Yarn.—Moved freely, and sales of about 1,575 bales of No. 20s are reported @ \$123 to \$125 per bale.

Malwa Opium.—Business was done during the past fortnight in almost all qualities. Sales of 3 chests @ \$100, 4 chests @ \$94, 35 chests @ \$95, 6 chests @ \$90, 13 chests @ \$90, 16 chests @ \$90, 7 chests @ \$101, 15 chests @ \$102, 27 chests @ \$105, 36 chests @ \$108, in all about 167 chests. The unsold stock is estimated at about 680 chests.

Bengal Opium.—A moderate business is reported owing to small stock and a heavy rise in prices. Sales of Patna New at \$1,070 to \$1,100 and Benares New at \$1,070 to \$1,105; in all about 246 chests are reported. The unsold stock is about 557 chests.

Persian Opium.—A good business transpired and sales are reported of 20 chests at \$720, 70 chests at \$740, 35 chests at \$755, 55 chests at \$80, and 13 chests at \$840. The stock is about 1,800 chests.

Miscellaneous quotations:— Ivory.....\$100 to \$380 Cassia.....\$15 to \$35 Saffron..... 11 " 12 Cloves..... 21 " 25 Borneo..... 17 " 19 Veimillon..... 20 " 20 Opium..... 6 " 28 Senna..... 2 " 5 Camphor..... 105 " 125

YARN MARKET REPORT.

In their fortnightly report of the 11th inst. Messrs. Cavasjee, Pallanjee & Co., write:— Since the issue of our last circular dated the 28th ultimo, a good lot changed hands at a decline on last mail's quotations owing to a rise in rates of exchange, and notwithstanding the extreme tightness of money amongst the Chinese, otherwise business would have been on a much larger scale. Importers have been unable to maintain their rates and a decline operated freely. The inquiry has been for all counts generally, and the market has been steady. No. 20s have ruled steady and sales of selected threads are reported. Nos. 16s and 12s are in request at current quotations. No. 10s have attracted the buyers' attention, and a good lot changed hands. Nos. 6s and 8s move slowly. Out of the sales reported below, about 3,800 Spins during the fortnight for "to arrive," 31 bales of No. 6s—55 bales of No. 8s—550 bales of No. 10s—975 bales of No. 12s—550 bales of No. 16s, and 1,615 bales of No. 20s, in all about 7,900 bales. Arrivals per steamers *Hiroshima, Maru, Kumagata, Lohia, Cathina, Abar, Pekin, and Simla* total about 21,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and Coast Ports about 3,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 34,000 bales.

Local Productions.—500 bales of No. 10s at \$101, and 200 bales of No. 12s at \$103 changed hands.

Japanese Yarns.—Sales of about 1,500 bales of No. 20s @ \$123/127 are reported in the market.

Exchange:—We quote to-day on India at Rs. 130 1/2. London at 1s. 10 1/2d.

FREIGHT.

For the week since the 5th inst. coal freight has been secured at the uniform rate of \$1.50 per ton, Muji to Hongkong, for three vessels of the following tonnage, viz., 565, 223, and 878. The smaller steamers of the Norwegian line, the larger vessel is a Britisher. Another British steamer (4,451 tons) was booked Muji, Karatsu and Kuchinotsu 2 ports to Singapore at \$2 per ton. At the same rate another charter has been effected Kuchinotsu to Singapore, the vessel secured being British and of 2,716 tons. Two foreign steamers of small tonnage (771 and 939, respectively) have been engaged to load coal Hongkong to Hongkong at \$1.50 per ton. Sugar freight continues in demand. The settlements effected were: one German steamer (1,752 tons) 2 ports N. C. Java to Hongkong, 31 cents per picul; one British steamer (1,860 tons) 3 ports N. C. Java to Kobe or Yokohama, 35 cents per picul (October). Rice freight has been settled as follows:—

Norwegian str., 788 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 10 cents per picul (rice flour). British str., 1,514 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 8 cents per picul (rice flour). British str., 1,514 tons, Saigon to 1/2 ports Philippines, 25 and 27 cents per picul (October).

HEMP AND RICE.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., writing from Manila on 31st ult. state: The hemp market has continued very steady during the interval, and instead of local values declining in sympathy with enhanced exchange, they are a fraction higher, business being done at \$19.75 per picul fair current. Sterling prices are much under the parity of dollar values at our rates of exchange now ruling. Receipts for the week ending to-day are much heavier than anticipated, and are calculated to total about 34,000 bales for the next fortnight. We quote fair current with buyers and sellers at \$19.25 per picul equal at exchange 1/1 1/2 to \$35.14 a per ton f.o.b.

Rice.—Took a turn weaker, importers fearing that heavy supplies to arrive would glut the market. Saigon advances fear that supplies may be very short in October, and decline to offer for that shipment. We quote and White Saigon at \$7.62 per picul f.o.b.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/10 1/2 Bank Bills, on demand 1/10 1/2 Credits, 4 months' sight 1/10 1/2

ON BERLIN, (demand) 1/10 1/2 ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2/35 Credits, 4 months' sight 2/38

ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 45 Credits, 30 days' sight 46 ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 139 1/2 On demand 139 1/2

ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 72 1/2 Private 30 days' sight nom.

ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 90 1/2 Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 51 1/2 Gold £100 touch, per £100 77 1/2

ON SINGAPORE, Bank's Buying Rate 51 1/2 Gold £100 touch, per £100 77 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.	
To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
Malwa New	@ 900
LAST YEAR	@ 940/970
OLDEST	@ 1,005/1,040
PATNA NEW	@ 1,107 1/2
OLD	@ No Sales
BENARES NEW	@ 1,105
OLD	@ No Sales
PERSIAN (PAPER)	@ 780/850

To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.
CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.
MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Room, Out-houses and Verandahs. Only \$40 inclusive of Taxes.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and Airy flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes.

FOR SALE.—CHEAP.
"BAHAR LODGE" at the PEAK. S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker, Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [1916]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship.

"HAIMUN," Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAIR & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [1109]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship.

"THALES," Captain Short, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAIR & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [1110]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship.

"SEYDLITZ," of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain C. Dewers, due here with the outward German Mail about WEDNESDAY, at 4 P.M., the 16th instant, will leave for the above Places about 12/24 hours after arrival.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to MEL

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Rosetta Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,403, Smith, 11th Sept.—
—Mailla 9th Sept., Gen.—T. K. K.
Taichow, Ger. s.s., 862, Schultze, 12th Sept.—
—Bangkok 4th Sept., Rice.—B. & S.
Hainan, Br. s.s., 636, Gibson, 12th Sept.—
—Swatow 11th Sept., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Kinsaku Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,389, Harrison, 12th
Sept.—Bomby 20th Aug., and Singapore
6th Sept., Gen.—N. V. K.
Sulsang, Br. s.s., 1,741, Young, 12th Sept.—
—Kraksaan 3rd Sept., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.
Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,025, Pennefather, 12th Sept.—
—Manila 9th Sept., Gen.—B. & S.
Chinkiang, Br. s.s., 1,229, Brymer, 12th Sept.—
—Canton 12th Sept., Gen.—B. & S.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Sam Cheong, for Canton.
Kwongchow, for Canton.
Pak Hong, for Macao.
Lohsing, for Chinkiang.
Kungshing, for Singapore.
Wingchui, for Macao.
Kurdistan, for Yokohama.

Departures

Sept. 12.

Chusan, for Europe.
Zafiro, for Manila.
An Pin, for Swatow.
Lokang, for Chinkiang.
Seachuen, for Newchwang.

Passengers arrived.

None.

Passengers departed.

Per Chusan, from Shanghai for Singapore—
Lieut. W. H. Jeffery, from Hongkong for
London—Mr. E. Sellers, for Marseilles—
Mr. and Mrs. Poizat, for Bombay—Mr. P. R.
Desai, for Singapore—Messrs. A. T. Holley,
Tan Tek Sim, and Lieut. Beltram.
Per Zafiro, for Manila—Messrs. D. Munro,
G. Anderson, Mrs. Wright, Master J. T. Wright,
Miss Smith, Messrs. H. Miskin, L. Nok, K.
Mushi, T. Tuckley, W. W. Johnston, Nawab
Khan, Bahadur Khan, L. Joye, Thos. R. Lill,
Mr. and Mrs. S. Guerero, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel
Ocampo Liao, Messrs. S. Tucocins, A. S. Luforo,
J. A. Toy, T. Charles, H. Kocoley, Ypa Ensi-
ura, S. R. Kunze, H. B. Attecoll, N. H.
McKnight and E. T. Post.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Namsang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Sept. 14
Bayern	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Sept. 15
Seydlitz	Singapore	M. & Co.	Sept. 15
Persia	Shanghai	S. W. & Co.	Sept. 16
Coptic	Japan	O. & Co.	Sept. 17
F. Ferdinand	Singapore	S. W. & Co.	Sept. 17
Tanar	Japan	C. P. R. Co.	Sept. 17
Freiburg	Singapore	H. A. L.	Sept. 21
America Maru	San Francisco	P. M. S. Co.	Sept. 23
Australia	Sydney	G. L. & Co.	Sept. 23
Kagoshima	Bombay	N. Y. K. Co.	Sept. 29
Korea	San Francisco	M. Co.	Oct. 1
Indravelli	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Oct. 5

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

H.M.S. Fame at Kowloon Dock
Forthbank " " "
Pembrokehire " " "
Borneo " Cosmopolitan "
Hankow " " "
Nanyang " " "

Ships Passed the Canal.

Outward—12th August—Fairlie, Regina.
14th August—Agamemnon, Lennox, Bris-
gavia, Australian. 19th August—Indramayo,
Denaviers, Simoon, St. Fillans, Freiburg.
21st August—Jason, Jovis, 25th August—Glen-
shiel, Caylon. 28th August—Macduff, Candia,
Nurnberg, Kanagawa Maru, Pak Ling, An-
nam. 1st September—Glenagary, Glenloch,
Nippon, Prometheus, Hermann, Lerche. 5th
September—Sophie, Calchas, Kaisow, Stenier,
Hermiston, Rickmers. 8th September—Roan,
Shanghai, Trieste, Monmouthshire.
Homeward—14th August—Amara. 5th
September—Yarra. 8th September—Japan.
Sanuki Maru, Wurzburg.
Arrivals at Home—12th August—Canton.
14th August—Hyson, Kawachi Maru, Nubia.
19th August—Hudson, Alcinous, Preusich,
Ernest Simons, Flintshire. 21st August—
Bingo Maru. 25th August—Kostrana, Glen-
farg, Polynesia, Suevia, Vindobona. 28th
August—Manila. 1st September—Princess
Marie, Denlondra, Tamba Maru. 5th Sep-
tember—Arara, Tiberghien, Manchuria. 8th
September—Glenesh, Prina Heinrich, Ham-
burg.

Vessels in Port.

Arnold Luyken, Ger. s.s., 1,095, Ueberfeldt,
1st Sept.—Saigon 28th Aug., Flour.—E.
A. T. Co.
Bangkok, Ger. s.s., 1,237, Busche, 6th Sept.—
Bangkok 30th Aug., Rice.—Order.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:

Canton—Per Powan, 13th inst., 9 A.M.
Macao—Per Wingchui, 13th inst., 9 A.M.
Sanbu—Per Lee Wing, 13th inst., 9 A.M.
Nantao—Per Taichow, 13th inst., 9 A.M.
Kumchuk and Samshui—Per Tungkong,
13th inst., 9 A.M.
Canton—Per Honan, 14th inst., 7.30 A.M.
Macao—Per Heungshan, 14th inst., 1.15 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe—Per Chinglu, 14th
inst., 3 P.M.
Sandakan—Per Borneo, 14th inst., 3 P.M.
Shanghai—Per Chinkiang, 14th inst., 4 P.M.
Mojik, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—
Per Indramayo, 14th inst., 4 P.M.
Nantao—Per Taichow, 14th inst., 5 P.M.
Sanbu—Per Hei Fu, 14th inst., 5 P.M.
Macao—Per Wingchui, 14th inst., 5 P.M.
Canton—Per Fatshan, 14th inst., 5 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per
Catherine Apcar, 15th inst., 11 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe—Per Sulsang, 15th
inst., 2 P.M.
Macao, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yoko-
hama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per
Siberia, 15th inst., 5 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Bayern, 16th inst., 11 A.M.
Manila—Per Kaitung, 16th inst., 3 P.M.
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsingtau—Per Frei-
burg, 16th inst., 5 P.M.
Tientsin—Per Z-zang, 18th inst., 2 P.M.
Manila—Per Loongwe, 18th inst., 3 P.M.
Manila—Per Rubi, 19th inst., 9 A.M.
Shanghai, Chemulpo, Dairen and Port Arthur
—Per Pronia, 19th inst., 11 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo—Per Perla, 19th inst.,
3 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Tonkin, 22nd inst., 11 A.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
Melbourne—Per Eastern, 23rd inst., 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of
Japan, 23rd inst., 11 A.M.
Chefoo and Tientsin—Per Nanchung, 23rd
inst., 4 P.M.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
Acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:

On the 11th at 4.30 p.m. The depression to
the Southward of Hongkong, is probably mov-
ing in a Westerly direction.
On the 12th at 9.30 a.m. Black Hall hoisted.
At 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in
Hongkong and over the S.E. coast of China.
The depression to the SW. of Hongkong is
probably moving towards Hainan Straits.
Pressure remains high over N. China.
Strong N.E. winds in the Formosa Channel,
and cyclonic strong winds and gales over the
NW. part of the China Sea.
Forecast—Strong E. to S.E. winds, gradually
decreasing; squally, showery.

On date at	On date at
10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer	29.81
Temperature	77
Humidity	93
Rainfall	0.31

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

September 12th, 1903, a.m.

Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind.	Wr.
Vladivostok 7 a.m.	30.05	54	99	—
Vernoy 6 a.m.	30.08	—	—	—
Hakodate 6 a.m.	30.09	—	—	—
Tokio 6 a.m.	30.08	—	—	—
Kobe 6 a.m.	29.99	—	—	—
Nagasaki 6 a.m.	29.95	—	—	—
Kagoshima 6 a.m.	29.92	—	—	—
Oshima 6 a.m.	29.95	—	—	—
Naha 6 a.m.	29.93	—	—	—
Ishigakijima 6 a.m.	29.93	—	—	—
Taihou 5 a.m.	29.91	—	—	—
Taichu 5 a.m.	29.89	—	—	—
Tainan 5 a.m.	29.89	—	—	—
Koshun 5 a.m.	29.89	—	—	—
Pescadores 5 a.m.	29.89	—	—	—
Weihowai 9 a.m.	30.11	75	—	—
Gutlaff 9 a.m.	30.08	76	64	—
Sharp Peak 9 a.m.	29.96	74	88	—
Amoy 9 a.m.	29.95	75	95	—
Swatow 9 a.m.	29.95	75	95	—
Canton 9 a.m.	29.87	—	—	—
Hongkong 10 a.m.	29.86	76	98	—
Victoria Peak 10 a.m.	29.84	—	—	—
Cap Rock 10 a.m.	29.84	—	—	—
Maipo 10 a.m.	29.84	77	—	—
Hainan 10 a.m.	29.88	84	77	—
Colo 10 a.m.	29.89	84	—	—
Batavia 10 a.m.	29.88	83	—	—
C. St. James 10 a.m.	—	—	—	—

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

Kowloon.	Hotel.	Visitors.
Addison, G. B.	Lillington, Rev. S. E.	
Bencke, A. E.	L. Spooner	
Broughall, L.	Selmuloch, R. H.	
Haverall, E. F. E.	Shiba, C.	
Jackson, Mrs. and child	Walters, Mrs.	

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STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$630 sa.
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 8	3/11 = \$1.964 for 1902	\$28 sa.
Do. Founders	\$ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$500 b.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2 % = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1902	\$60 b.
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of £1 for 1902	\$12 225
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	30 % = \$12 for 1901	\$175
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	28 1/2 % = \$14 per share for 1902	\$182 1/2
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$22 1/2 per share for 1901	\$325
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$86 1/2 b.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$14 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$23
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 % = 10/- per share for 1902	\$83
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	16 1/2 % = \$5 per share for 1902	\$10 a.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1902	\$36 b.
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$17
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	60 cts. 30.6.1903	\$17
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	£1.2/-
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 2 % for 1903	Tls. 44
First year			Tls. 38 s.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$94 b.
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10
Penak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 % for year ending 30.9.02	Tls. 60 sa.
MINING.			
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 1/2
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Fin. of Frs. 30 making Frs. 60 for 1902	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£0.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$9 s.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	No. 1 of 1/6 per share 10.10.02	Tls. 6.50 sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12 1/2 % = \$6 for 1 year 30.6.03	\$204 b.
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 15 for year ending 30.4.03	Tls. 140
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$86 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 64	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$37 1/2 b.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 220 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$9 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903	\$154 sa.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$35 a.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1903	\$50 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1-year 1903	\$145 sa.
Oriente Hotel Co., Ltd. (Manila)	\$ 50	8 % = \$4 for 1-year ending 31.12.1900	\$7 b.
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/2 % for year ending 30.6.03	\$28 ex d. b.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 15 sa.
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 25
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$10 b.
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903	Tls. 160 sa.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 40 cents, account 1902/1903	\$15 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	3 % for period ended 31.10.97	Tls. 36 s.
International Cotton Manu- facturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 40 s.
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spin- ning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 40 s.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 200
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$250 b.
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$15 b.
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 53
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 1/2 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$22
China Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$9 1/2
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1902	\$14 b.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1903	\$7 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufactur- ing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$145
Geo. Feawick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	15 per cent = \$7.5 for 1902	\$47 1/2
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$250 s.
Hongkong High-Level Tram- ways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320 s.
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 60	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1902	\$12 b.
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 per cent = \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$10
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£0.12.6		\$5 1/2
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03	\$0 b

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